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For Method and Apparatus for Rapid Screening :
of Multihpase Reactions :

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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002. A restriction requirement was made between I. Claims 1-13 drawn to an apparatus and method for screening reactants, catalysts or reaction conditions, wheein the apparatus comprises a reaction substate and a headplate, classified in class 422, subclass 58 and II. Claims 14-20 and 33-38 drawn to an apparatus and method for screening reactants, catalysts or reaction conditions, wehrein the apparatus comprises a reaction substrate, a thermal unit, a plurality of temperature detectors, a conmrtroller, and a plurality of reactant, classified in class 422, subclass 62.

Claims 1-13 are elected for prosecution on the merits with traverse.

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